





To-day's  
Advertisements.THEATRE ROYAL,  
CITY HALL, HONGKONG.

UNDER the Direction of Mr. ROBERT BROUGH.  
Representative—Mr. ALLAN HAMILTON.

TO-NIGHT  
(TUESDAY), APRIL 23RD.  
THE  
**BROUGH COMEDY CO.**  
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TO-NIGHT (TUESDAY),  
April 23rd.

TO-NIGHT and TO-MORROW,  
(TUESDAY) and (WEDNESDAY),  
April 23rd and 24th.  
FIRST PRODUCTION IN HONGKONG  
OF THE

"MANŒUVRES OF JANE"  
"MANŒUVRES OF JANE"  
"MANŒUVRES OF JANE"  
A Comedy in Four Acts, by HENRY ARTHUR JONES.

THURSDAY and FRIDAY,  
April 25th and 26th.

THE  
"ADVENTURE OF LADY URSULA"  
"ADVENTURE OF LADY URSULA"  
"ADVENTURE OF LADY URSULA"  
A Comedy in Four Acts, by  
ANTHONY HOPE.

SATURDAY and MONDAY,  
April 27th and 28th.

THE  
"SECOND MRS. TANQUERAY"  
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An Original play in Four Acts, by  
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Late Trams 15 minutes after Performances.  
Hongkong, 23rd April, 1901. (494c)

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FROM LONDON AND STRAITS.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo are hereby  
informed that all Goods are being landed  
at their risk into the Godowns of the Hongkong  
and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company,  
Limited, whence and/or from the wharves  
delivery may be obtained.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods  
have left the Godowns, and all Goods remain-  
ing unclaimed after the 29th instant, will be  
subject to sale.

All Claims against the Steamer must be pre-  
sented to the Underwriter on or before the 10th  
May, or they will not be recognized.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are  
to be left in the Godowns, where they will be  
examined on the 29th instant, at 11 A.M.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

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Hongkong, 23rd April, 1901. (448c)

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In its diluted state it will not injure,  
stain, or corrode the person, metals,  
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PURE CARBOLIC  
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will be found most efficacious for the  
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## The Hongkong Telegraph

HONGKONG, TUESDAY, APRIL 23, 1901.

## NOTES AND COMMENTS.

## Aguinaldo's Proclamation.

AGUINALDO's proclamation to the Philip-  
pine people which we publish elsewhere,  
should certainly carry great weight with the  
Filipinos if they can be brought to believe  
that it is in reality the proclamation of their  
captured leader and of a spontaneous  
nature and not dictated by the American  
Authorities. We are told that even in  
Manila itself grave doubts exist in the minds  
of the Filipinos as to whether for no it is the  
real AGUINALDO who has been captured, for  
since his capture he has been kept in strict  
seclusion in the palace of the Governor  
General and neither reporters nor friends have  
had access to him. There has been too, a  
rumour in circulation to the effect that  
AGUINALDO had stubbornly refused to sign the  
proclamation calling upon his people to  
surrender and this will naturally lend a  
certain amount of colour to the supposition  
that the proclamation is not the spontaneous  
utterance of the Filipino leader, but is the  
composition of the American Authorities  
and only received AGUINALDO's signature  
under compulsion.

However, the proclamation has been  
published in the Manila papers and we must  
now watch to observe its effects. If, as the  
American Authorities appear to hope, the  
proclamation leads to a good understanding  
being arrived at between the Filipinos and  
the Americans, then there will be occasion  
for congratulation. We have repeatedly  
stated that the whole cause of the trouble  
in the Philippines was to be found in the  
fact that the Americans knew little or  
nothing of the Philippine problem and had  
not, when they had, the opportunity, come  
to an amicable arrangement with the people.  
The Filipinos when the Americans first  
came to the islands and overthrew the  
power of Spain, looked upon them as their  
deliverers and had matters been discussed  
and arranged then, it would have saved  
thousands of lives and millions of dollars  
which have since been expended in the  
struggle between the Filipinos and the  
Americans. But this was not the method  
pursued. The Filipinos were utterly ignored  
by the Americans so soon as they thought  
they could do without their help and they  
seeing that the Americans had no intention  
of establishing Filipino independence deter-  
mined, if possible, to uphold it by strength  
of arms.

Now, however, there appears to be a  
prospect of this long struggle coming to an  
end. If AGUINALDO is really convinced that  
it is better for the Filipinos to submit to  
American rule, we have little doubt but that  
he is capable of inducing them to lay down  
their arms. But if he does so the Americans  
will have to learn that the Filipinos must  
receive reasonable treatment. They must  
not be treated and looked upon as a herd of  
cattle, purchased together with the islands  
from Spain; but as reasoning beings equally  
capable of thinking and judging for them-  
selves as were the ancestors of the Ameri-  
cans when they fought and gained their  
independence. The Filipinos will not, we  
imagine, take kindly to the position of  
a conquered and inferior race and the  
Americans will be obliged to use a good  
deal of tact in their dealings with them.  
They will find that though hard to drive the  
Filipino can be easily led once his con-  
fidence has been gained, and it would be  
greatly to the advantage of the United States  
Authorities if they set about the inaugura-  
tion of a policy of conciliation at once. In  
short they must let the people see that there  
is not one law for the Filipino and another for  
the American, but that the boasted liberty  
and equality of all people under the American  
flag is a reality and not as so many now  
contend, a myth.

## TELEGRAMS.

## SPECIAL TELEGRAM.

Special to the "Hongkong Telegraph."

## THE ROYAL TOUR.

THE "OPHIR" LEAVES  
SINGAPORE.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

SINGAPORE, April 23rd.

The Ophir with the Duke and  
Duchess of Cornwall and York and  
suit on board left at noon to-day to  
continue her voyage to Australia.

Large and orderly crowds assem-  
bled to witness the departure.

There was great enthusiasm and  
a total lack of all rowdiness of any  
kind.

Received 3.5 p.m.

Published 5.30 p.m.

## REUTER'S TELEGRAMS.

## THE NEW CONSOLS.

London, April 21st.

The issue price of the new Consols will  
probably be 94.

## BRITISH SOUTH AFRICA.

The ambulance into which the party of  
Lander recently fell, was near Krugersdorp.

The Boers have captured a train with  
cattle and large near Molen.

## THE NEW CONSOLS.

Applications are invited for £3,000,000  
in Consols at 94, bearing interest at the  
rate of 4½, and ranking with the existing  
Consols, but irredeemable before 1925.

The balance of the total sum of £60,000,000  
required has already been placed.

After April, 1903, the new Consols will  
bear interest at the rate of 4½.

## WEATHER REPORT.

The Observatory report says—

On the 23rd at 12.5 p.m. barometric changes  
are unimportant. Pressure remains low over  
Central China, and gradients continue slight for  
S.E. and S. winds on the coast, and in the N.  
part of the China Sea. Forecast—Moderate  
S. winds; fair.

## LOCAL AND GENERAL.

A good shorthand reporter is wanted, vide  
advertisement appearing elsewhere.

IDENTIFIED.—He (angrily): "Was there an  
idiot sweet on you before I married you?"

She: "Yes, one."

He: "I'm sorry you rejected him."

She: "But I didn't—I married him."

DURING the week ended 20th April the follow-  
ing cases of communicable disease were re-  
ported as occurring in the Colony:—Bubonic  
Plague, 24 cases; 21 deaths; Small-pox, 4 cases;  
1 death; three cases being Chinese and one  
Portuguese.

A SPECIAL Session of H. M. Justices of the  
Peace was held at the Magistracy this afternoon  
and the application of Heinrich Vargelmann  
for the transfer of his publican's licence for the  
Western Hotel, Nos. 90 and 92 Queen's Road  
West, to Adolf Bockelmann was unanimously  
granted.

We shall be obliged if any subscriber on  
receiving his paper late or irregularly will  
write on the Wrapper of the paper the Time of  
delivery, etc., and forward the Wrapper to the  
Manager, Hongkong Telegraph Co., Ltd., 50  
Queen's Road Central. The wrapper will  
enable us to check the delivery coolies.

WORD has been received in Manila of the  
death of Captain Whiting, commander of the  
coast defence vessel *Monadnock*, now on the  
China station. Capt. Whiting was formerly of  
the U.S.S. *Charleston* and was a popular and  
capable officer. He was married some years  
ago to one of the Afloat girls of Honolulu.

THE Admiralty have, although it is scarcely  
credible, perpetrated a slip of the tongue in  
one of His Majesty's ships the *Venerable*. We  
learn from home papers that "the ancient of  
days" is a few years behind her date for com-  
pletion, and is not finished yet. The date of  
laying her keel, we understand, is not known  
exactly, but it was some time last century.

AN anchor supposed to have belonged to the  
missing training ship *Tautuhimamau* was  
fished up off Nekoya, Shikoku Prefecture, on  
the 31st inst. On the anchor is said to be the  
Chinese character *tsuki* and there is no longer  
any doubt as to its having belonged to the  
steamer. Search for the hull is being instituted  
in the neighbourhood where the anchor was  
found.

THE Hon. Treasurer of the Alice Memorial  
and Netherdale Hospitals begs to acknowledge  
with thanks the following donations to the  
funds of the Hospitals:—

Hon. C. P. Chater, C.M.G., \$25

Hongkong & Whampoa Dock Co., 20

L. Hancock, 20

H. Hodsman, 20

Crosman & Co., 15

A. G. Morris, 5

A Patient, 5

MIGHT we beg of those who have subscribed  
to our Special Descriptive and Statistical Issue  
and are desirous of having their firms ade-  
quately noticed, to afford Mr. Gray all facilities  
in obtaining the information necessary when  
he calls upon them, otherwise the descriptions  
of their businesses must of necessity be less  
full and complete. There being only ten days  
left before publication we trust that subscribers  
will appreciate the reasonableness of the request.

WE are sorry to learn, the *Nagasaki Press* says,  
that Stoker Brooks, of H.B.M.S. *Barfleur*, has  
succumbed to the injuries inflicted upon him by  
a party of Frenchmen on Tuesday evening last.

As already reported, Brooks, whilst seated  
alone in one of the saloons, was savagely  
attacked by several French sailors, who inflicted  
by the aid of bottles terrible injuries to the poor  
fellow's head. Two days ago an operation was  
performed on Brooks and two pieces of glass  
were extracted from his head. It was hoped  
the unfortunate man would pull through; but  
yesterday, as above stated, he died, thus adding  
one more victim to French brutality.

## MOSQUITOES AND MALARIA.

A report by Dr. J. C. Thomson on the results  
of his examination of mosquitoes during the  
first quarter of 1901 is published in the *Green  
Island*. A total of 749 mosquitoes was examined, and  
of these 227, or 3 per cent., were found to be  
*Anopheles*, of two species, and the remainder  
*Culex*, of five species. For the months October  
—March the following were the percentages of  
*Anopheles*:—October 26.4, November 6.3,  
December 1.0, January 4.2, February 1.4,  
March 1.1. Dr. Thomson notes that the pre-  
centage prevalence of *Anopheles* among the  
specimens caught being a very striking propor-  
tion to the known facts as to the prevalence of  
malaria fever in the Colony. There is a gradual  
fall from October to February, when a minimum  
is reached. In most years the minimum of  
malaria is either in February or March.

The report is accompanied by the following  
circular issued by Dr. Thomson in March for  
the guidance of his assistants in the enquiry—

MEMORANDUM ON THE COLLECTION OF  
MOSQUITOES.

After a few months' experience of what may  
be done in the matter of collecting and classifying  
mosquitoes, I think it well to offer a few  
general remarks in order to secure more uni-  
form action among those who are assisting me,  
and in doing so I wish to convey my best  
thanks to the officers of the police force for  
their hearty co-operation. My first quarterly  
report on the subject was published in the  
*Green Island* last January.

The mosquitoes have been nearly all caught  
in the best of conditions, and the method of  
catching and transmitting, previously sug-  
gested, has proved quite satisfactory. They  
should be caught by means of the glass test

tubes supplied, killed by a whiff of tobacco  
smoke, and then addressed in an ordinary  
envelope to the Chief Inspector at the Central  
Police Station. No packing of any kind is  
necessary, other than the wrapping of the boxes  
in a piece of paper. The name of the station  
from which the parcel is sent should in all  
cases be written on the outside.

As the malaria-bearing mosquito (*Anopheles*)  
bites usually, or always, at night, it is im-  
portant for purposes of this enquiry that the  
insects should for the most part be collected in  
the evening, or from mosquito-curtains in the  
early morning. As, however, some species of  
mosquitoes bite only, or generally, during the  
day, specimens of forms seen flying about in  
the daytime should be included. A good  
working rule would be that at least two-thirds  
of those sent should be caught in the evening.

They should be sent when fresh, and should  
as much as possible be caught within the  
twenty-four hours preceding the despatch of  
the parcel. After they become dry, they tend  
to break up, and classification of them is less  
satisfactory.

I am especially desirous of having the  
weekly consignments from all parts of the  
Colony and the New Territory sent as  
regularly as possible. It is not desirable to  
send large numbers from any one station, as  
this tends to give inaccurate averages for  
the Colony as a whole. No consignments  
should exceed two dozen. No selection should  
be made, and all stations where the insects  
are abundant and easily caught, the first  
dozen or so mosquitoes that are taken on  
any given date should be sent. Any selection  
of special mosquitoes would give erroneous  
results. While I thus suggest a maximum limit,  
for the reason mentioned, I would express my  
special indebtedness to those who have entered  
so enthusiastically into this matter as to make  
such a limitation desirable.

On the other hand, officers in charge of  
certain stations who have been unable to find  
the weekly dozen at first asked for have some-  
times sent none. I shall be glad to receive  
weekly consignments of even a very few  
mosquitoes rather than have stations unrep-  
resented in some weeks, with consequent unequal  
results in the different weeks or months.

The mosquitoes need not necessarily be  
caught within the stations, but anywhere either  
within them or in their neighbourhood; the  
general idea being that the police stations  
approximately represent the whole area of the  
Colony and its dependencies, and hence a  
systematic classification of mosquitoes sent  
regularly from all the stations throughout the  
whole year will give practically accurate know-  
ledge as to the relative prevalence of the  
various kinds of mosquitoes that exist in  
Hongkong.

## AT THE MAGISTRACY.

FILFERING AT THE DOCK.

Lau San, a fitter, pleaded guilty to the theft  
of a piece of copper piping, value \$3, from the  
Cosmopolitan Dock and was sentenced to a  
month's hard labour.

STEALING FIREWOOD.

Wong Tang, of no occupation, was charged  
by a restaurant keeper with stealing two bundles  
of firewood, value 20 cents. Mr. Kemp im-  
posed a sentence of 14 days' hard labour.

LADIES IN THE DOCK.

Ho San and Sui Kwei, married women of  
more or less respectability, were arrested  
yesterday for creating a disturbance in the  
street. Each accused the other of breaking  
crockery and pushing over tables. Mr. Kemp  
fined the pair a couple of dollars, or seven days,  
each and they were bound over, in bonds of  
\$25 to keep the peace for three months.

CHAIR COOLIES FINED.

Indian Constable Hukam Singh charged  
twenty chair coolies with causing obstruction  
by persistent solicitation of passengers. They  
were fined a dollar a chair, or four days' im-  
prisonment.

NO LICENCE.

Lau Chi pled a licensed vehicle for hire with-  
out a driver's licence. It cost him three  
dollars.

UNLICENSED ARMS.

Inspector McSweeney charged Henry Smith,  
a German in charge of Messrs. Blackhead &  
Co's Godown, with being in possession of a  
revolver and five rounds of ammunition with-  
out a permit. Defendant pleaded guilty and  
Mr. Kemp ordered the revolver and cartridges  
to be confiscated.

POLLUTING THE HARBOUR.

The master of junk No. 5, 96 H, thought the  
harbour the proper place to dump rubbish.  
Mr. Kemp thought otherwise and imposed a  
fine of \$3 or ten days.

NOT A DUST-BIN.

Tsang Sui Shing was apparently under the  
impression that a side channel was a dust-bin  
provided by paternal Government, so he used  
it as a receptacle for his kitchen refuse. He  
now knows better, for he is undergoing ten  
days' instruction on the subject of the uses of  
side-channels in the establishment run by  
Messrs. May and Craig.

OPIMUM.

To-day was quite a holiday at the Magistracy  
so far as opium cases were concerned. There  
were only four cases and the fines totalled but  
\$55.

## THE PLAGUE.

Number of cases reported (Chinese) 147

Of which 100 of the 22nd and Other Asiatics 147

April 1901. Europeans 8

Number of cases reported (Chinese) 8

during the past 24 hours. Other Asiatics 0

Europeans 0

Total number of cases reported to date 157

Number of deaths reported (Chinese) 135

up till noon of the 22nd and Other Asiatics 135

April 1901. Europeans 0

Number of deaths reported (Chinese) 11

during the past 24 hours. Other Asiatics 0

Europeans 0

Total number of deaths recorded to date 146

## BANANA FLOUR.

Attempts are being made to introduce in  
Northern markets banana flour, which manu-  
factured on a large scale in Columbia and  
Venezuela, and will be in Central America. The  
process of making it consists in stripping the  
rind of the skins, cutting the banana into slices,  
and drying the slices either in the sun or by  
artificial heat after which they are ground and  
pounded to yield three pounds of flour after the  
removal of the water.

## LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

This afternoon, a meeting of the Hong-  
kong Legislative Council was held in the  
Council Chamber at the Government Offices,  
there being present His Excellency Sir Henry  
Blake, C.M.G., the Hon. T. Sercombe Smith  
(Acting Colonial Secretary), Mr. C. M. Messer  
(Acting Colonial Treasurer), the Hon. P. M. May,  
C.M.G. (Captain Superintendent of Police), the  
Hon. W. Chatham (Acting Director of Public  
Works), the Hon. Basil Taylor (Acting Harbour  
Master), the Hon. C. P. Chater, C.M.G., the  
Hon. J. Thurburn, the Hon. Dr. Ho Kai, the  
Hon. Wei Yuk and Mr. R. F. Johnston (Acting  
Clerk of Councils).

The Clerk of Councils read the minutes of the  
last meeting.

On the motion of the Hon. Acting Colonial  
Secretary, Financial Minutes Nos. 17 to 24  
were referred to the Finance Committee.

The Acting Colonial Secretary moved the  
adoption of the Report of the Finance Com-  
mittee (No. 3) Carried.

"The Acting Colonial Secretary laid on the  
table the Report of the Food Supply Commis-  
sion, the Report of the Acting Superintendent  
of the Botanical and Afforestation Department  
for 1900, the Report of the Superintendent of  
the Fire Brigade for 1900, the Financial  
Returns for 1900, Report on the Revenue and  
Expenditure of the British Post Offices in  
China, papers relating to the Removal of Cape  
Admiral Light to Green Island and the  
Report of the Acting Principal Civil Medical  
Officer for 1900.

The Council then adjourned *since die*.

DEATH OF COMMISSIONER OF  
NINGPO.

SHANGHAI, 22nd April.

News has been received here of the death of  
Mr. P. G. von Mollendorff, Commissioner of  
Customs, at Ningpo on Saturday last, 20th  
inst.

Mr. von Mollendorff was Foreign Adviser to  
the King and Government of Korea from  
1883 to 1885, in which year he was succeeded  
as Chief of the Korean Customs by Mr. H.  
F. Merrill of the Chinese Customs Service,  
who took over with him a number of Chinese  
Customs officers to replace most of the lead-  
ing members of the King's service. Mr.  
Mollendorff subsequently joined the Chinese  
Customs Service and was for some time  
employed in the Statistical Department at  
Shanghai. Then he was transferred as Com-  
missioner to Ningpo. He was, we believe,  
originally in the German Consular Service  
and at one time held office as Consul at  
Tientsin. He was a brilliant Chinese scholar  
and a first-class linguist. He leaves a wife  
and family with whom much sympathy will  
be felt. A large circle of friends throughout  
the Far East, will deeply regret to hear that  
he has passed away.—Ed., H.K. T.

## CANTON NOTES.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

KIDNAPPING.

CANTON, April 22nd.

Half a dozen boys, about ten years of age,  
were taken into custody last week by the  
Hoi on suspicion of being concerned in kid-  
napping which has been carried on to an  
alarming extent during the past few months.  
These boys are accused of enticing other boys  
from their homes and leading them to houses  
where men are waiting to carry them away.  
The Nam Hoi hopes to obtain information  
from these boys which will lead to the arrest  
of the guilty parties. So far he has not been  
successful.

## VICEROY TO AND REFORM.

Before the new Viceroy arrived at Canton  
the Chinese newspapers proclaimed him a man  
who belonged to the "progressive party." For-  
eigners were completely in the dark regarding  
the views held by the Viceroy. The conduct  
of the Viceroy thus far would seem to prove  
that the Chinese were correct in their estimate  
of his views. In his open letter to the Consul  
General at Singapore, to state a new order  
things is about to be inaugurated. Men who  
understand reform will be needed to help for-  
ward the new order. It is well known that H.E.  
To regards the attempt to raise money by  
means of gambling monopolies as a step back-  
ward. It is no secret that the Viceroy wished  
to put a stop to all licensed gambling, but was  
prevented upon to wait until affairs in China  
were more settled. "It is now stated on good  
authority that the Viceroy has instructed all the  
district magistrates to report on the best  
methods for suppressing gambling and piracy,  
at the same time informing them that more  
modern methods must be adopted. It is also  
reported that the Viceroy is at work upon some  
scheme for the opening of schools in which  
Western studies shall be taught. How far the  
Viceroy will be successful remains to be seen,  
but if he is honestly seeking the welfare of his  
people he should certainly have the hearty  
support of all those who are honestly seeking  
reform.











## WHY CHINESE ARE ALMOND-EYED.

It was suggested to me that the almond shape of the Chinese eyes might be a result from babyhood for long generations of going bareheaded in the sun. Foreigners find the sun so dangerous to the eyes that they are not only shaded by wide-brimmed hats, but most frequently by dark glasses. The Chinese women do not, as do the Japanese, put their babies upon the backs of their young girls. The women, and not infrequently the men, carry their children, after babyhood, in their arms, even when quite large. In fact, the care exhibited by the fathers for their children, proudly bearing them in their arms on the street from place to place, shows that Mr. Chinaman has good sense, as well as a good heart. He is not afraid, he will be laughed at for doing women's work, as some of our workmen seem to be in the home, leaving to the wife and mother not only the baby in arms, but several toddlers at her skirts, while the lordly master stalks by her side, and when in his unfettered haste he gets a few feet in advance, he looks back impatiently, saying, "Hurry up!"—*Ladies Weekly.*

## BOTANICAL RESEARCH IN MALAYA.

DEPARTURE OF MR. A. G. TANSLEY.

Mr. A. G. Tansley, an enthusiast in botany, who came out from home at the end of September, last, to carry out investigations in tropical vegetation, and especially to study the lower forms of plant life, left Colombo on the 28th March by the P. & O. *Oceanic*, having completed an interesting tour in Ceylon and the Malay Peninsula. Mr. Tansley joined his friend, Dr. Lang, who arrived in the island two months before him, and they worked together both in Ceylon and Malaya. Mr. Tansley is thoroughly satisfied with the result of his work, and is taking away with him five large cases containing various interesting specimens secured in Ceylon, besides a smaller collection from Malaya. He disembarked at Aden, and starts on a short collecting tour in Egypt, and will finally leave for England by the P. & O. boat following a fortnight later. His notes will be consulted on his return home, and the result of his work will, undoubtedly, be useful. Dr. Lang made some very interesting plant discoveries during his investigations in Ceylon and in Malaya. There are five different kinds of plants, allied to ferns, which have a new stage in plant life called *prothallus*, and Dr. Lang discovered one of these plants at Taling, in Malaya, and two in Ceylon.

## HORSES IN BATTLE.

When wounded in battle (says the *Regiment*) horses are attended to as soon as possible. A veterinary officer with assistants follow close on the fighting line, and those animals with only slight injuries are collected together and sent to the veterinary hospitals established at the fixed camps. Those very badly wounded are shot. Horses killed in battle are either buried or burned, according to the climate. In South Africa they are left to rot.

## THE HEALTH OF THE NAVY.

The statistical report on the health of the Navy for 1899 has been issued. The returns for the total force serving afloat may be regarded as very satisfactory. The aggregate number of cases of disease and injury recorded for the year furnishes a ratio of 89.63 per 1,000, which is the lowest obtained since the year 1856, when the reports were first published in their present form. Compared with the ratio for 1898 it shows a reduction of 26.46 per 1,000, and with that of the previous two years a reduction of 20.82.

## WHERE SCENTS ARE MADE.

Many people suppose that perfumes of the finest sort are all made in Paris. As a matter of fact, this is erroneous. For two centuries the inhabitants of the Valley of the Var, in south-eastern France, have been engaged in the making of exquisite perfumes from flowers. Many curious facts concerning the secrets of the plant world have been learned by them, and the knowledge has been well utilised.

For example, the inhabitants of the little French valley have proved by many experiments, covering a period of 200 years, that the seven plants whose flowers contain or will produce by combination the perfume of all the others are the orange, rose, violet, jasmine, acacia, jonquill and tuberose. Therefore these are the only ones they grow; they depend upon the process of mixing for the other odours of commerce.

Among one of the first secrets which these old perfume-makers learned was that the scent of the flower is not contained in any gland or little sac, but rather that it is exhaled by the flower somewhat in the fashion of breathing, and that if the blossom be crushed the scent is destroyed.

Another thing they found out early in their work was that the fat fresh grease will absorb this breath of the flowers most readily, and that in turn will yield up its treasure to alcohol. Using these facts, the people of Var have so built up their industry that today they supply a good portion of the world's market with perfume.

There are two ways of obtaining the scent from these flowers. By far the more common is the method of "enfleurage." Large pieces of glass, each framed in a wooden case, are prepared, and over the surface is spread a layer of clean, fresh grease, on which are piled the flowers. Each kind of flower, of course, is kept separate.

The perfume is quickly absorbed in the fat, and as soon as the blossoms wither fresh ones are placed in the frame in their stead. And so the process is continued during the whole season of blossoming, after which the grease is scraped off the glass and is put in alcohol, having previously been chopped fine. In this way every particle may be reached by the spirit, and none of the precious perfume lost.

"Maceration" is the name given to the other process of extraction. It is used where the method of "enfleurage" is not satisfactory in getting the whole of the odour, and is similar. The flowers are infused in a bath of warm oil for many hours, and are then strained away and fresh ones added, the process being kept up as long as the blossoms can be procured.

It is said that the best essence is obtained from the jasmine and tuberose by the enfleurage, but the orange, acacia, and rose are found to give more satisfactory results by the method of maceration. To get the best odour from the violet and jonquill a joint process is used—first enfleurage and then maceration.

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Companies.	Paid up Capital.	Latest quotation.
<b>Banks.</b>		
Hongkong & Shanghai Banking Corporation.....	\$125	375 % premium
the Bank of China & Japan, Limited.... (Preference)	£ 5	Nominal
the Bank of China & Japan, Limited.... Ordinary	£ 4	£1
the Bank of China & Japan, Limited.... (Deferred)	£ 1	£5; buyers
National Bank of China, Ltd. ....	£ 8	\$37 buyers
Do. Founders .....	£ 1	\$15 sellers
<b>Marine Insurances.</b>		
Union Ins. Society of Canton, Ltd. ....	\$ 50	\$300 buyers
China Traders' Ins. Co., Ltd. ....	\$ 25	\$57½ sales
North China Ins. Co., Ltd. ....	£ 25	Tls. 182½ buyers
Shanghai Ins. Assoc. Co., Ltd. ....	£ 60	\$35 buyers
National Ins. Office, Ltd. ....	\$ 50	\$16½ buyers
Strait Ins. Co., Ltd. ....	\$ 30	\$1
<b>Fire Insurances.</b>		
Hongkong Fire Ins. Co., Ltd. ....	\$ 50	\$32½ sales
China Fire Ins. Co., Ltd. ....	\$ 20	\$8½ sellers
<b>Shipping.</b>		
Hongkong, Canton, & Macao Steamboat Co., Limited .....	\$ 15	\$34½
Indo-Chinese Steam Navigation Co., Ltd. .... (China & Manilla S.S.)	£ 10	\$31 buyers
Do. .... (China & Manilla S.S.)	\$ 50	\$63 buyers
Co., Ltd. ....	\$ 30	\$4 sales
Ouydas Steamship Co., Ltd. ....	\$ 50	\$51 sellers
China Mutual S. N. Co., Ltd. (Pref.)	£ 10	£12 buyers
China Mutual S. N. Co., Ltd. (Ord.)	£ 10	£12 buyers
China Mutual S. N. Co., Ltd. (Ord.)	£ 5	£7 buyers
Star Ferry Co., Ltd. ....	\$ 10	\$24 buyers
Shell Transport & Trading Co., Ltd. ....	£ 1	£3 sellers
<b>Refineries.</b>		
China Sugar Refining Co., Ltd. ....	\$100	\$138 buyers
Canton Sugar Refining Co., Ltd. ....	\$100	\$39
<b>Mining.</b>		
Puhoi Mining Co., Ltd. ....	\$ 8	\$5½ sellers
Puhoi Mining Preference Shares .....	\$ 1	\$1.20
Société Française des Charbonnages du Tonkin .....	Fcs. 250	\$300 nominal
Quebec Mines & Lumber Co., Ltd. ....	25 cts.	
Teleb. Mining and Trading Co., Ltd. ....	\$ 5	\$5 buyers
Kaob Aikun Gold Mining Co., Ltd. ....	175.	\$1038 buyers
Oliver Freehold Mines, Ltd. A .....	\$ 5	\$2½
Oliver Freehold Mines, Ltd. B .....	\$ 5	\$1½ sales
Great Eastern & Caledonian Gold Mining Co., Ltd. .... (Do. Preference)	\$ 5	10 cents
Do. .... (Do. Preference)	\$ 5	10 cents
<b>Docks, Wharves and Godowns.</b>		
Hongkong Wharf & Dock Co., Ltd. ....	\$ 50	\$85 sales
Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf & Godown Co., Ltd. ....	\$ 50	\$103 sellers
Wanchai Warehouse & Storage Co., Ltd. ....	\$ 37½	\$63 buyers
New Amoy Dock Co., Ltd. ....	\$ 61	\$22½ sales
<b>Land, Hotels and Buildings.</b>		
China Provident Loan & Mortgage Co., Ltd. ....	10	\$94 sellers
Hongkong Land Investment & Agency Co., Ltd. ....	\$100	\$199 buyers
International Land Building Co., Ltd. ....	\$ 30	\$50 buyers
West Point Building Co., Ltd. ....	\$ 50	\$32 sales
H'kong Hotel Co., Ltd. ....	\$ 30	\$122 sales
Oriente Hotel Co., Ltd. ....	\$ 50	\$80 sellers
Humphrey's Estate & Finance Co., Ltd. ....	\$ 10	\$13½ sales
<b>Cotton Mills.</b>		
Hongkong Cotton Spinning, Weaving & Dyeing Co., Ltd. ....	\$100	\$7½ sales
Two Cotton Spinning & W. Co., Ltd. ....	Tls. 100	Tls. 44
International Cotton Spinning & W. Co., Ltd. ....	Tls. 100	Tls. 45
Lau-kung-mow Cotton Spinning & Weaving Co., Ltd. ....	Tls. 100	Tls. 55
Soy Chee Cotton Spinning Co., Ltd. ....	Tls. 500	Tls. 32½
Yahloong Cotton Spinning Co., Ltd. ....	Tls. 100	Tls. 45
<b>Oligar Companies.</b>		
Alhambra, Limited .....	\$500	100 % premium
La Comercial, Ltd. ....	\$500	100 % premium
Hessiana, Limited .....	\$500	100 % premium
La Favourite .....	\$500	100 % premium
<b>Manufacturers.</b>		
Green Island Cement Co., Ltd. ....	\$ 10	\$18½ ex. l.
China-Borneo Co., Ltd. ....	\$ 15	\$36½ ex. l.
A. S. Watson & Co., Limited .....	\$ 10	\$17 buyers
Watkins, Limited .....	\$ 10	\$10½ sellers
Hongkong Electric Co., Limited .....	\$ 10	\$12½ sellers
Hongkong Electric Co., Limited .....	\$ 5	\$6½ sellers
Hongkong and China Gas Co., Ltd. ....	£ 10	\$130 buyers
Hongkong Manufacturing Co., Ltd. ....	\$ 25	\$157½
Geo. Fenwick & Co., Ltd. ....	\$ 25	\$55 sellers
H'kong Ice Co., Ltd. ....	\$ 25	\$164 buyers
H'kong High-Level Tramways Co., Ltd. ....	\$100	\$220 buyers
Dairy Farm Co., Ltd. ....	\$ 6	\$7 buyers
Hongkong and China Bakery Co., Ltd. ....	\$ 50	\$50 sales
Campbell, Moore and Co., Ltd. ....	\$ 10	\$20
Bell's Asbestos Eastern Agency, Ltd. ....	£ 1	\$1½ buyers
United Cold Storage & Ice Agency, Ltd. ....	\$ 4	\$8½ sales
Ornamental & Glass Co., Ltd. ....	\$ 20	\$7
Tobacco Planting Co., Ltd. ....	\$ 5	\$3 sellers
Universal Trading Co., Ltd. ....	\$ 20	\$20 sales
H.K. Steam Waterboat Co., Ltd. ....	\$ 5	\$7 cum call
China Light & Power Co., Ltd. ....	\$ 20	\$20

**Flamingo**, Flagship, U.S. cruiser, 9,215 tons,  
Capt. C. M. Thomas, Shanghai.  
**Sailao**, U.S. gunboat, 137 tons, 1 gun, 55 h.p.,  
Lieut.-Comd. G. B. Bradshaw, at Manila.  
**Salina**, U.S. gunboat, 1,330 tons, 8 guns, 2,100  
h.p., Comdr. S. W. Verry, at Shanghai.  
**Saratoga**, U.S. supply-ship, 6,428 tons, 1,800 h.p.,  
Comdr. C. T. Force, at Manila.  
**Seward**, U.S. gunboat, 1,700 tons, 6 guns, 3,405  
h.p., Comdr. H. G. D. Colby, at Hongkong.  
**Sigbee**, U.S. supply-ship, 7,000 tons, 2,350 h.p.,  
Comdr. J. Mc Carlin, at Manila.  
**Si Juan de Austria**, U.S. gunboat, Capt. T.  
C. McLean, at Canton.  
**Sister**, U.S. supply-ship, Lieut.-Comdr. A.  
Mertz, at Manila.  
**Sulina**, U.S. gunboat, 1,307 tons, 8 guns, 1,998  
h.p., Comdr. E. K. Moore, at Manila.  
**Tai**, U.S. distilling-ship, 6,100 tons, 1,300 h.p.,  
Ensign D. W. Knox, at Manila.  
**J. de Luzon**, U.S. gunboat, 1,330, Comdr. J.  
L. R. Becker, at Hongkong.  
**Lynchburg**, U.S. battleship, 11,500 tons, Capt.  
Chester, at Manila.  
**Anila**, U.S. gunboat, 1,057 tons, 4 guns, 710  
h.p., Lieut.-Comdr. A. P. Nairo, at Manila.  
**Arietia**, U.S. gunboat, 1,000 tons, 1,500 i.h.p.,  
12 guns, Comdr. E. H. Green, at Canton.  
**Albatross**, U.S. double-turret monitor, 4,000  
tons, 6 guns, 3,000 h.p., Comdr. O. W.  
Farenholt, at Shanghai.  
**Ancony**, U.S. gunboat, 1,370 tons, 6 guns,  
850 h.p., Com. G. A. Bicknell, at Taku.  
**Ancrey**, U.S. double-turret monitor, 4,000  
tons, 4 guns, 5,244 h.p., Comdr. G. W.  
Piggman, at Canton.  
**Anshan**, U.S. collier, Ensign F. E. Ridgely,  
at Hongkong.  
**Ashtville**, U.S. cruiser, Comdr. R. P. Rogers,  
at Nagasaki.  
**Crawfish**, U.S. cruiser, 4,600 tons, Comdr. Mc  
Calla, at Hongkong.  
**New York**, U.S. cruiser, 4,083 tons, Capt. B.  
McCallum, at Manila.  
**Oregon**, first-class U.S. battleship, 10,280 tons,  
10 guns, 11,111 h.p., Capt. F. W. Dickes, U.S.N., en route Woosung.  
**Orinoco**, U.S. gunboat, 592 tons, 4 guns, 1,095  
h.p., Comdr. C. Cornwell, at Manila.  
**Panicleton**, U.S. gunboat, 1,000 tons, 6 guns,  
800 h.p., Com. Harry Knox, at Shanghai.  
**Paradise**, U.S. cruiser, 7,500 tons, Comdr. J. M.  
Miller, U.S.N., at Hongkong.  
**Pelace**, U.S. cruiser, 5,000 tons, Comdr.  
Demplam, at Shanghai.  
**Perhelus**, U.S. gunboat, 1,000 tons, 6 guns,  
1,081 h.p., Com. W. T. Burwell, at Manila.  
**Portkenton**, U.S. gunboat, 1,770 tons, 6 guns,  
3,392 h.p., Comdr. C. S. Sperry, en route  
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**Rossini**, U.S. converted cruiser, 6,179 tons,  
guns, 3,900 h.p., Capt. G. E. Ide, at  
Manila.  
**Saffro**, U.S. dispatch-vessel, 674 tons, Capt. L.  
A. Cotter, Manila.

**THE ITALIAN SQUADRON.**  
**Alabaria**, Italian cruiser, 2,046 tons, Capt. C.  
Canelli, Hongkong.  
**Vittorio Veneto**, Italian cruiser, 2,720 tons, Capt. Occeoni,  
Taku.  
**Armercosca**, Italian cruiser, Capt. Carlo Negri,  
Shanghai.  
**Armstrong**, Italian cruiser, 3,898 tons, Captain  
R. Marselli, en route Home.  
**Gattar Pisani**, Italian cruiser, 6,700 tons, Capt.  
V. Onofrio, Shanghai.

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**Bathian**, British steamer, 1,435, J. Dick,  
—Hongkong, Canton, and Macao Steamboat  
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**Dorman**, British steamer, 1,377, H. D. Jones,  
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—Butterfield & Swire.  
**oi-long**, Chinese steamer, 409 tons, Captain  
W. B. Brown, & Co.  
**Union**, British steamer, 728, J. Lawrence,  
—Tai On Steamship Co.  
**Kah Kong**, British steamer, —Kwong Wan S.S.  
Co.  
**ong Nam**, British steamer, T. Austin, R.N.R.,  
—Chinese Owned.

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**Leungshan**, British steamer, 1,055, W. E.  
Clarke, —Hongkong, Canton and Macao  
Steamboat Co.  
**Macao and Canton.**  
**Longshan**, British steamer, 1,410, G. F. Morrison,  
R.N.R., —Hongkong, Canton and Macao  
Steamboat Co.  
**Iangtung**, Chinese steamer, 523, Holmes,  
—China Merchant Steain Navigation Co.

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**uangtong**, British steamer, 1,410, R. D. Thomas,  
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boat Co.  
**ity of Whampoa**, Chinese steamer, 40,—Ah  
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**ialkong**, British steamer, 250, D. Bowie,  
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**wai Lum**, British steamer,—Kai Hing & Co.  
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